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## Editorials

### The President's Opportunity

THERE lived in California in the fifties a fiery, eccentric, recklessly brave, and quick to quarrel, but kind-hearted old chap named Colonel Gift. He had a great stock ranch and his blood horses were many of them famous racers. They were his love and at every state fair he and they were among the most sought for attractions. He was growing old but if he realized that fact he never admitted it.

At one state fair, early one morning two young men engaged in a fist fight. A rush was made to separate them, when over the clamor the stentorian voice of Colonel Gift was heard crying: "Let 'em fight; it will do them good."

Later, the same day, the colonel was having his horses paraded and was calling attention to their special excellence, when a chap, who did not know the colonel or his ways, made what the colonel deemed a sneering remark at which the colonel made a rush for him and struck him. The astonished man seized the colonel by the arms and crushed him to the ground without hurting him, and held him there.

Of course there was a rush to rescue the colonel when a neighbor who knew him and loved him, but who had been present at the morning episode, shouted: "Let the young men fight! Let 'em fight! It will do them good."

The colonel cried out: "Do not mind that d—d fool; take him off!"

At the convention which four years ago nominated Mr. Wilson for president the plat-

## Successful Men of Utah



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**P**ROFESSOR CHRISTENSEN is a native of Utah. His parents were Hiram J. Christensen and Anne Paulson Christensen and he was born at Manti, March 28, 1869. Though scarcely at the meridian of his intellectual powers, by his work Professor Christensen has already given especial honor to the title of "native son." His first real schooling was in a Presbyterian school in this state.

He gained a diploma in the Utah state normal school and later the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Utah university.

He married Miss Katie Dean, who had also graduated from the state normal school.

He was superintendent of the Utah county schools from 1893 to 1897. Then he traveled extensively in Europe, visiting schools and equipping himself with the methods of instruction in the most famous educational institutions there. A special permit from the royal minister of education of the kingdom of Prussia was his "open sesame" to all schools.

In 1898 and 1899 he attended the great Goettingen university in Germany and followed that by courses in the Harvard and Yale summer schools.

Now for sixteen years he has been at the head of the public schools of Salt Lake City.

No one can estimate the value of the work of Professor Christensen to the youth of this city. (Continued on page 14.)

form adopted, and which Mr. Wilson accepted and ran on, contained a plank intended to prevent a president from immediately running for a second term. But it has been made clear on many occasions by his words and acts that the president has never endorsed that limitation, but rather that the thought that ruled him was Let the young men fight! It will do 'em good!"

He does not know it, but the thought of the German and English votes has been behind his correspondence with those countries, it has been behind what he has said on many public occasions which all careful readers will recall.

It has kept him from doing many things. It handicaps him now. It is in our opinion preventing him from seeing some things now which are in plain sight and from exercising some real statesmanship.

Two years ago the belligerents across the sea were like Colonel Gift in the morning at the fair—all for fight. But it is plain as day, that they are just now all ready to cry out: "Don't mind the d—d fool; take him off."

If the president were not absorbed by thoughts of the coming convention, if he could rouse himself and in the name of the great republic call upon those belligerents to call a truce, cite to them the impotence of further fighting and in the name of their millions of widows and orphans and their starving poor, in the name of humanity demand a halt and call upon the neutral nations to join him in one great cry for peace, whether effective or not, it would bring to